

What are developmental disabilities?

There are nearly four million Americans with developmental disabilities. Developmental disabilities are severe, chronic disabilities attributable to mental and/or physical impairment, which manifest before age 22 and are likely to continue indefinitely.

This results in substantial developmental limitations, including: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and economic self-sufficiency, as well as the continuous need for individually planned and coordinated services.

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Indiana Developmental Disability Network

By working
together to
create **positive** attitudes
toward people
with disabilities,
we can create
a **better** society—
and that
is a positive **step**
for everyone.

All partnership programs are federally funded.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) provides all funding for the collaborative partnerships to "ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to culturally competent services, supports, and other assistance and opportunities that promote independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion into the community."

ADD provides funding, monitoring, and policy guidance to state councils on developmental disabilities, protection and advocacy agencies, and university centers for excellence in developmental disabilities nationwide.

The major goal of the ADD program encourages and promotes a partnership with state governments, local communities, and the private sector to assist people with developmental disabilities to reach their maximum potential.

Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission

Mission Statement

To protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities, through empowerment and advocacy.

Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services (IPAS) is an independent state agency that receives no state funding in order to remain independent from all potential service providers. IPAS administers federally mandated and funded programs in Indiana, including Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (PADD). The Indiana General Assembly created PADD in 1977 in compliance with the federal Developmental Disabilities Act.

Annually, the IPAS Commission establishes service priorities to direct their efforts at targeted concerns. IPAS professional staff assists Hoosiers with disabilities through advice, investigation, and attorney services.

Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

Mission Statement

To promote public policy, which leads to the independence, productivity, and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society.

An independent state agency, Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities (IGCPD) works to facilitate change. Consumer driven, the Council is charged with determining how the public and private sectors can be most responsive to people with disabilities. Federal funds are disseminated to

support innovative programs that are visionary, influence public policy, empower individuals and families, and advocate positive system changes.

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Mission Statement

The Mission of the IIDC is to foster communities that welcome, value, and support the participation and contributions of people of all ages and abilities through research, education, and service.

Committed to providing disability-related information and services across the life span, from birth to older adulthood, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC) works to build community capacity through collaborative efforts with institutions of higher education, state and local government agencies, community service providers, persons with disabilities and their families, and advocacy organizations.



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ADD, IPAS, IGCPD, and IIDC:
Working together as advocates
for individuals with disabilities
by protecting, promoting, and
empowering our fellow Hoosiers.